

Agenda-State Interagency Team Meeting

Thursday, May 28, 2020

2:00-3:00

Location: Only Skype

Facilitator: Diane Bugbee

Note Taker: Cheryle Wilcox

Present: Cheryle Wilcox, Diane Bugbee, Karen Bielawski-Branch, Danielle Bragg, Amy Roth, Suzanne Legare Belcher, Barb Joyal, Brenda Gooley, Dana Robson, Auburn Watersong, Melanie D'Amico, Amy Lincoln Moore, Alicia Hanrahan

Regrets: Sandi Hoffman, Monica Ogelby, Karen Price

Updates: What do we need to know right now about what is happening in each of our depts?	<p>CDD:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Childcare is scheduled to re-open on June 1st so a lot of work is happening to make this happen. CDD is working with VDH and DMH to provide resources, funding, social/emotional support, safety concerns.• Working with other depts. on guidance to restart home based services <p>DMH:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Operations unit has been focused on supporting youth in residential or waiting for residential. it calmed a little bit after stabilizing youth. More children now struggling because everything is so slow to move in the system. Questions now about children in out of state residential and how they can visit based on quarantine requirements. Working with VDH as to the best, safest approach.• Success Beyond Six: Some LEAs have interpreted guidance that they should not continue to fund SB6 in DAs. This is causing challenging discussions because there is a concern in a reduction in services and funding when we know this is going to be an increased need to address the SE needs of students. DMH is working closely with AOE Secretary and that is going well. Trying to get to a point where there is clarification of guidance. <p>DAIL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leadership team is meeting twice a week still and have weekly calls with DA Exec. and DS Directors• Focusing on guidance for individuals who want to get back to work in a safe way and into jobs they value, and they are highly valued employees.• TA for children and adults who are experiencing stress and challenges.• Fiscal mechanisms are working to support DS services and individuals who receive funds.• Little bit of a lull at the beginning but now hearing from more DAs who are really struggling without the structure of the regular school day.	
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Family Services:

- No children in foster care settings have become COVID+, some placement disruption but less than what was expected. In March, there was a small increase for foster parents to acknowledge some of the additional costs to them. This will continue through May.
- Diligent recruitment continued for orientation and online training.
- Children who were on track for adoption-still able to get some adoptions finalized, some judges were willing to do them virtually or through the mail so it didn't hold up permanency.
- All contending with the hiring freeze—did get permission to fill FSD worker positions.
- In the process of having to cut \$8M out of budget-tremendous budgetary pressure.
- High end system of care is under pressure—youth are back at Woodside after leaving Middlesex
- Have been managing when youth in residential care become COVID+
- Melanie and her team—reduced youth in residential at the beginning and now youth are moving again, and the intensity is going back up.
- Have seen out of state programs opening up a little to accept youth
- Programs are working on how to manage visitation protocols

DVHA:

- Still a number of youth, at the Brattleboro Retreat and have worked with DMH and FSD to move them to a lower level of care
- ABA providers opening their doors again
- DVHA continuing to support the telehealth flexibilities

AHS Central Office-Auburn:

- Working on a Vermont resilience messaging project with a national consultant, Michele Levy, who has interviewed over 50 stakeholders to come up with a message bank that will be shared August 4th where stakeholders will join together to launch the next phase.
- A film is coming out soon by a local filmmaker who made the Faces of Aces film—this is a follow up.
- Auburn as consultant, resource, coordinator-please reach out if you need help with anything trauma-informed.

Field Services-Suzanne:

- FD continue to be involved in facilitating and coordinating the regional response teams-regional recovery teams—non-profits, hospitals, schools
- Very involved in distributing food and the coordination of that
- Helping with PPE for childcare

AOE: Alicia Hanrahan

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure when central office is going back to National Life • Not sure if schools are going to open or how • Secretary is very interested in ensuring social emotional supports continue • They think their home study numbers are going to increase <p>VFFCMH: Amy Lincoln Moore</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sandi Yandow continues to be interim ED • Phones are starting to ring a little more • Addison and Washington are trying to do a virtual round table for families 	
<p>3-Month Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Options for June, July, August • June: Public Consulting Group interview (subgroup of this team?) • LIT Extravaganza • LIT visits • LIT Questions from Act 264 Board do we want to add any questions? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June will be with PCG about residential system of care • July: Have a self-organized meeting for one hour to give updates to each other to maintain connections—Laurel will take notes and Diane will facilitate. Thank you, Laurel, for volunteering! • Cancel August meeting <p>We will not have a LIT Extravaganza this year—hope to bring it back next year.</p>	